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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### OUTSPOKEN

TEN years is a long time for a Governor to remain in one colony and Hongkong is grateful that it has had the good fortune to have His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham as its chief administrator for that period.

Last Wednesday Sir Alexander addressed the Legislative Council for the last time and he reviewed events of the last decade with sincerity and without pulling his punches.

Speaking of the refugees Sir Alexander commended the Colony in general and voluntary agencies in particular for past achievements in coping with the Colony's major problem, a problem which still remains to be solved.

But the United Kingdom Government was the target for a bitter remark, made with feeling. Sir Alexander pointed out that there had been plenty of praise but no deeds. "Practical help we have not received, not even from Her Majesty's Government," Sir Alexander said.

### Complacency

HIS Excellency's words have already penetrated the ivory towers of Whitehall and shaken the foundations of complacency therein. It is reported elsewhere that two members of Parliament are prepared to take action and investigate our problem.

His Excellency must therefore be commended for his outspoken views and it is to be hoped that the impact will be such that members of Her Majesty's Government will carry out a full investigation and translate high-sounding words into action.

The United Kingdom Government's main reason for not rendering assistance is that we are financially well enough off to carry the huge burden, but that burden has been to the tune of over \$300 million and the end is still not yet in sight.

Sir Alexander expressed the hope that Her Majesty's Government would change its attitude as Hongkong's social services and other amenities were falling behind those of other countries, but whether it will do so remains to be seen.

The Colony is not begging, but the burden is becoming greater each year and the straw is becoming heavier on the camel's back.

## NEW RADIO STATION FOR HK

### It's True But... HE'S SPEECH SHOCKED BRITISH MPs

By DUGAL SMITH

London, Dec. 19. Sir Alexander Grantham's fighting farrowell speech on Hongkong's refugee problem came as a deep shock to British Members of Parliament today. One MP who knows all about the problem—Tory William Teeling—said tonight that what Sir Alexander had said was "terribly true."

### 'A GREAT GOVERNOR'

London, Dec. 20. Daily Express, in its editorial today, praised the work done by Sir Alexander Grantham. Pointing out that Sir Alexander has served for 10 years, the Daily Express recalls that his term of office should have ended in 1952. After referring to the fact that a million and a half Hongkong citizens have petitioned that Sir Alexander should stay on, the editorial says "This is a man in the finest tradition of British Colonialism. A man who deserves the nation's thanks."

The editorial lead is "A great Governor retires. Be proud of him."—London Express Service.

### RATHER SHAKING

There was no better Governor than Sir Alexander, said Mr Teeling, and his statement had been "rather shaking."

Mr William Teeling is leaving London next week for a visit to Hongkong. While there he will look into the problem of the refugee population.

On the Socialist side, Mr James Callaghan, "shadow" Colonial Secretary for the Colonies, said, "I will investigate the position described by Sir Alexander Grantham and I shall raise it."

The Colonial Office side-stepped questions about British Government's responsibility in (Contd. on Page 12, Col. 4)

## Govt Accepts Commercial Service Tender

GOVERNMENT has accepted the tender submitted by Mr George Ho of 24 Stanley Village Road, Stanley, for the exclusive right to provide a commercial broadcasting service in Hongkong, in return for an annual royalty payment of 12½ per cent of the net profits. An announcement to this effect is published in today's Government Gazette.

Tenders for commercial broadcasting were first invited in March 1957, applicants being given until June 14 to submit their tenders.

### Four Applicants

The original notice calling for tenders asked for a detailed description of the scheme proposed, including a description of the programme hours and languages to be used, the programme content and policy, and all possible technical and financial details of the station.

It was in the light of these and other relevant considerations, said a Government spokesman this morning, that the Governor in Council had decided that of the four tenders received, Mr Ho's tender was best likely to serve the public interest.

### Statutory Licence

The spokesman said that some time must still elapse before the statutory licence for the new station can be issued, since Mr Ho will first require time to form a limited liability company, to be known as The Hongkong Commercial Broadcasting Company, in whose name the licence will be issued.

Some further negotiations will also be needed on the exact site of the transmitting station. Government does not, however, expect that these formalities will cause any undue delay in the setting up of the new station.

## EXPLOSION RIPS PLANE IN MID-AIR

Paris, Dec. 19. An explosion today blew a hole in the fuselage of an Air France Armagnac aircraft in mid-air on its way from Oran to Paris, an Air France spokesman said here tonight. Nine of the passengers on board were hurt. The aircraft continued on its way to land at Lyons, where the police immediately started an enquiry. Sabotage was suspected, the spokesman said. The explosion was due to a bomb placed in the toilet of the aircraft, airport officials at Lyons said.—Reuter.

## War Hero Found Guilty Of Murder

Clearwater, Fl., Dec. 19. A jury returned a verdict of second degree murder today against a French war hero whom the state described as too much of a coward in later life to kill himself after he shot his middle-aged paramour and her husband.

State Attorney Clair Davis had demanded the death penalty for handsomeness, Maurice M. Chavigny, holder of 17 medals for bravery in four wars. He was accused of shooting to death a retired army general and his wife.

The jury deliberated five hours and 43 minutes before announcing its verdict. Chavigny was found guilty of second degree murder on each count, and could be sentenced to 20 years to life on each count. Circuit Judge John U. Bird did not pass sentence immediately.—United Press.

## US MISSILE LAUNCHED

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 19. A Thor intermediate range ballistic missile was successfully launched here today. The huge, white missile left its launching stand with an orange flash.

It climbed upwards for several seconds, then curved over into a climbing arc toward the southeast, leaving a vapour trail. This was the eighth test firing of a Thor. Of the seven previous launchings only three were entirely successful. In Washington the Defence Department said the launching was "successful" and added that the Thor "flew its prescribed course and landed in the pre-selected impact area."—Reuter.

### Snake Fast

Nantes, Dec. 19. The Fakir Burmas, who holds seven world records for voluntary fasting, today began a new fast in a glass coffin in company with three black pythons from Senegal, some Moroccan snakes, and 50 vipers.—France-Press.

## St Brides Rededicated

London, Dec. 19. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh today attended the re-dedication of St Brides of Fleet Street, the centuries-old newsman's church destroyed by fire-bombs in 1940 and now restored to the original Christopher Wren design.

Royal Marine trumpets blew the "St Brides" fanfare when the Royal couple arrived in Fleet Street, the home—few blocks long—of most British national newspapers.

The Queen and Duke were met outside St Brides by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, and inspected the church that is built over Tudor, Norman, Saxon, Roman churches and burial grounds going back 2,000 years.—Reuter.

## In Your Weekend Mail

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### Claim Rejected

London, Dec. 19. Britain's shipbuilding and engineering employers flatly rejected today a claim for extra pay for about 300,000 workers.—Reuter.

## Moscow Reacts Unfavourably To Nato Proposal

Radio Moscow reacted unfavourably tonight to the West's offer to make a new start at disarmament through the enlarged United Nations Disarmament Commission.

## Labour To Force A Vote

London, Dec. 19.

The leaders of Britain's opposition Labour Party decided tonight to force a vote at the end of a foreign affairs debate tomorrow to protest against the Government's policy at the Nato summit conference in Paris.

By forcing the vote, the Labour chiefs feel they will be protesting against those sections of the Nato communique which they believe show the Paris meeting concentrated too much on military aspects of the Alliance and too little on prospects of peaceful negotiation with Russia.

### A PROTEST

Their vote will, in particular, be a protest against the project to establish ballistic missile bases on Britain.

The decision to force a vote was taken at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party after a speech by Mr Ameyur Devan, the Party's chief foreign affairs spokesman.

The debate will take place on a motion for the adjournment of the House—a procedural device to enable members to discuss a wide range of topics.—Reuter.

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## WILSON DENIES MAKING STATEMENT

London, Dec. 19. The Labour Party's "shadow" Chancellor of the Exchequer, Harold Wilson, denied today that he over said there was an "improper and premature" leakage of information on the rise of Britain's Bank Rate on September 19.

Mr Wilson was being questioned by the Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, on the eleventh day of the government investigation of alleged leakage.

### CALLING UP

Mr Wilson's charge in the House of Commons that a Conservative Party official, Oliver Poole, was linked with the alleged financial scandal prompted the calling up of the tribunal.

Mr Wilson said one of his major concerns initially was that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft, refused to discuss the Bank Rate question in the House of Commons.—United Press.

## Ferro Promoted

Macao, Dec. 20. Mr Manuel De Oliveira Ferro, former Deputy Postmaster-General of Macao, has been promoted to Postmaster-General of the Portuguese territory of Timor. Mr Ferro left for Hongkong today where he will enplane for Timor via Port Darwin.—France-Press.

### Asian Tour

Colombo, Dec. 19. Mr Hugh Galtschell, leader of the British Labour Party, who arrived here yesterday left this evening by air for Karachi.

Mr Galtschell, who attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in New Delhi, is touring southeast Asia.—Reuter.

## INDONESIANS

### TO BARTER

## RUBBER FOR RICE NOW

Djakarta, Dec. 19. The Indonesian island of Borneo will start extensive barter trade with Singapore, swapping rubber for rice and other vital commodities. It was reported here today. Borneo is one of the areas threatened with shortages as a result of the breakdown of inter-island shipping which accompanied the anti-Dutch campaign.

## But Where's The Rice

Singapore, Dec. 19. Rice merchants in this British Colony were surprised today at reports from Djakarta that the municipal council there had arranged to import about 10,000 tons of rice from Singapore. It was understood that some rice exporters in Singapore were preparing to ship a few thousand tons of rice for Indonesia. But rice merchants doubted that 10,000 tons could be spared immediately.—United Press.

A report from Banjarmasin said Borneo's military administrator ordered the setting up of a special government body to handle trade and fix prices. The initial transaction was to involve 10,000 tons of rubber which was to be swapped for an equal amount of rice plus some millions of rupiahs. In addition to rice, Borneo later would receive goods for "regional development" as well as daily commodities, it was reported.—United Press.

## In South Celebes

## Rebels Raid Villages

Djakarta, Dec. 19. The Indonesian Army today cancelled all leave in the South Celebes where rebels are reported to be plundering isolated villages and towns. The Army also announced that 10 people were arrested in Ambon, another east Indonesian island group, where uprisings have been reported. "Army of God" terrorists of the extremist Darul Islam sect were beaten back in a bid to invade the town of Mamasa in the Celebes, the Army said.—Reuter.

## Fifth Avenue Shooting

New York, Dec. 19. Christmas shoppers on Fifth Avenue scattered for cover late today when three policemen shot and killed a fleeing murder suspect.

The fugitive, George Husing, ran along 47th Street from Madison Avenue to Fifth Avenue before police bullets felled him. Police said the streets were jammed with shoppers and rush hour crowds during the shooting, which took place only three blocks from Rockefeller Centre.—United Press.

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# Field Marshal Sarit Announces: THAILAND'S NEW RULERS

## A Hybrid Policy Of Nationalism And Socialism

Bangkok, Dec. 19.

The Thai Army Chief, Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, said here tonight he would lead a new governing party composed of Army chiefs, members of the Unionist Party and Independents.

The announcement of the new party, which follows the elections last Sunday in which all Leftwing independents lost their deposits was made this morning by Lieutenant-General Prapart Charusathien, the Interior Minister.

Field Marshal Sarit said tonight that the Party would have a hybrid policy of nationalism-socialism.

"In foreign affairs it would adhere to the nation's traditional independence," he added.

**Premier**

The Marshal said he definitely would not be Prime Minister, but hoped that Nui Pote Sarasin would succeed.

"He can get on well with everyone," he said.

Earlier, Army sources said the Party would have a total membership of about 200, including nominated members.

Its policy, they said, would probably be to the right of the Unionists, who had advocated mild socialism and anti-Communism.—Reuter.

### THE HEAVIEST SNOWFALL IN 50 YEARS

Paris, Dec. 19.

The heaviest snowfall in half a century has been continuing since Tuesday night in Harbin, leading city in northern part of North China, the New China news agency reported.

Agricultural experts in Harbin said the snowfall will eliminate the spring drought from which Heilungkiang Province has suffered in recent years. They believe it augurs well for a good harvest next year.

Traffic within the city has not been affected by the snowfall. Chinese and shops were thronged with people today as usual.—France-Press.

### GBS Plan For An Alphabet "Is Practical"

London, Dec. 19.

The British Court of Appeal was told today that a compromise had been reached regarding the provision in George Bernard Shaw's will for establishing an English alphabet of at least 40 letters.

Counsel for the British attorney general told the court that the public trustee was to receive a sum adequate for carrying out the alphabet request.

Shaw left £200,000 when he died in 1950 at the age of 94. Of this over £100,000 was consigned for developing his special fad, a phonetic alphabet for the public trustee, as executor of Shaw's estate, said a scheme had been drawn up to carry out the "main purposes" of Shaw's scheme.

"It is a practical scheme," it added.—China Mail Special.

### Spanish Shell IFNI COAST

Agadir, Dec. 19.

A Spanish warship today shelled the coastal area north of the Spanish enclave of Ifni, between Taberlok and Mirihet, a well informed source said here today.

The Istiqlal (Moroccan Nationalist) daily newspaper "Al Alam" said today that a ship also shelled the coast yesterday.—France-Press.

### The 'Little Europe' Foreign Ministers Meet For Talks

Paris, Dec. 19.

The six "Little Europe" Foreign Ministers had informal talks here today on the choice of a "European Capital" to house the headquarters of the new European organisations and on the appointment of high officials to their key executive posts.

The meeting took the form of a "business" luncheon, replacing a formal Ministerial conference due to have been held at the French Foreign Ministry but which was postponed until tomorrow at the last minute.

No details were forthcoming on the results of the luncheon talk at which Mr. Christian Fincus, French Foreign Minister, acted as host.

Signor Giuseppe Pella of Italy, Mr. Joseph Bech of Luxembourg, M. Joseph Luns of the Netherlands, and M. Victor Leclercq, of Belgium, will attend the talks, which are expected to last until late afternoon.

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# Americans Gloomy - Europeans Satisfied

## Reaction To The NATO Talks

### Military Problems Over-Emphasised, Says A Senator

Paris, Dec. 19.

An air of gloom was apparent among American observers here today as the NATO summit conference drew to its close.

They considered the United States had met with a diplomatic reversal. On the other hand, Europeans voiced satisfaction at the outcome of the talks.

U.S. officials denied pressure had been brought by the other 14 NATO partners on the American delegation to accept moves aimed at resuming talks on disarmament with the Russians.

The widely-held belief of American observers, however, was that Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, had been forced to change his attitude on this matter in order to obtain the agreement in principle on the establishment of continental missile bases.

European observers thought the Americans were too ready to put on sackcloth and ashes.

#### Healthy Sign

All that had happened, they said, was that the European partners of NATO had shown they had a point of view which should be taken into account in planning the future security of the West.

They regarded the plain speaking at the conference as a healthy sign indicating the strength of the alliance.

Authoritative French sources said tonight that the results of the NATO conference had been "satisfactory."

The sources pointed out that although the conference made important decisions aimed at strengthening military aspects of the alliance, it also paid great attention to the suggestions made by several heads of government, including French Premier, Felix Gaillard, for increased concern with political problems, in order to create a real "Atlantic community."

The NATO final communiqué, it was thought in Paris, reflected exactly the necessary balance between political and military necessities. It provided for a strengthening of the joint defence to meet the increased danger, and at the same time emphasised the defensive character of the Atlantic alliance and its desire for peace.

In Washington, Democratic Senator J. W. Fulbright, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said today that he thought President Eisenhower and Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, had over-emphasised military questions at the NATO conference.

"We cannot let our guard down but there is no reason why we cannot negotiate while we continue to build up our strength," he said.

"I think it is worthwhile to discuss the Bulgarian proposals to find out if the Russians really mean it," Senator John Sparkman, Democrat, and also a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he hoped the Administration would go into talks with earnest determination because "it is absolutely necessary to find some way out of the dead armaments race."

But Republican Senator Carl Curtis said he thought nothing was to be gained from such efforts.

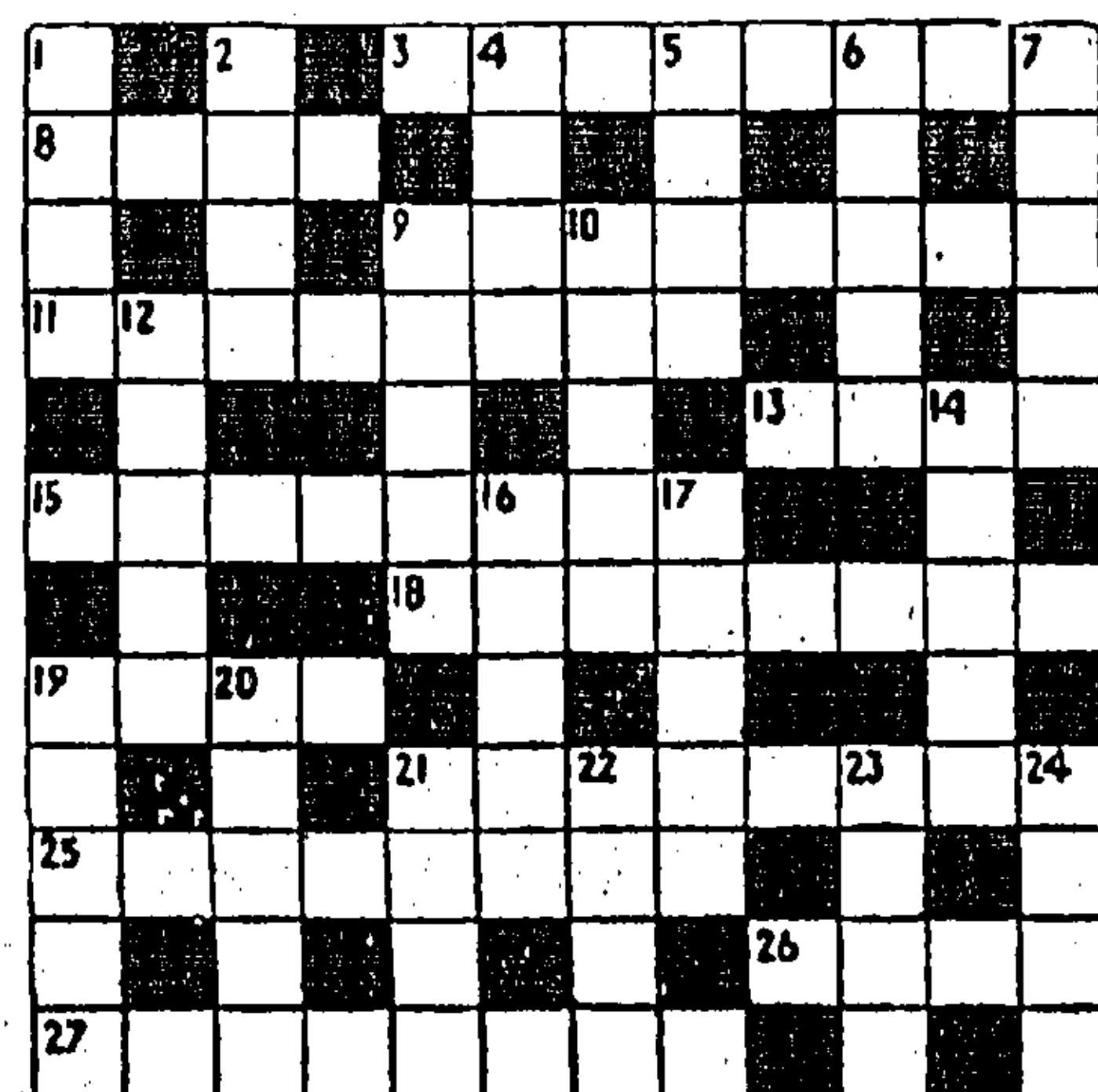
#### Agreement

"I think any agreement with the Russians could not be relied upon," he said. "We wanted a lot of time and effort in the London Disarmament Talks and I see no value in renewing them."

But most Republican members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today generally applauded the results of the NATO meeting.

Senator Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), ranking Republican member of the group, said: "Critics who try to downgrade the results of this meeting from out of whatever difficulties remain," Wiley said. — Reuters, France-Press and United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Left parenthesis (8).
  - The dramatist's way out (4).
  - Girls finish off the tangle (8).
  - Oriental sword (8).
  - One or more in favour? (4).
  - Undanted (8).
  - A cushy job (8).
  - What a nuisance! (4).
  - Small group (8).
  - Style of furniture (8).
  - This poster's a bot (4).
  - Of which Satan is prince (8).
- DOWN**
- Black horse (4).
  - She had very cold hands (4).
  - Loud revelry (4).
  - It's a frost (4).
  - Most unpleasant (6).
  - Records (6).
  - A long way (6).
  - Mark Antony's tongue (6).
  - One may paddle in it (8).
  - White heron (6).
  - Another bird (6).
  - Glorious county (6).
  - Struck on a note (6).
  - Clap (6).
  - It may hold water (4).
  - Such intelligence is almost no use (4).
  - Not a word, obviously (4).
  - A Lancashire story? (4).

**THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1. Chase, 4. Human (race), 7. Pavilion, 8. Scrap, 9. System, 11. Admirer, 13. Decline, 15. Abides, 18. Award, 19. Immature, 20. Hosts, 21. Nerves. Down: 1. Capes, 2. Swift, 3. Railman, 4. Hanson, 5. Mixed, 6. Nipper, 10. Sorcerer, 12. Dead Men, 13. Dearth, 14. Indies, 16. Inter, 17. Sews.

### INVENTOR OF KILLER DRUG GAOLED

Paris, Dec. 19. A 44-year-old chemist, who invented a drug alleged to have killed 102 people and maimed many others, was gaoled here today for two years and fined one million francs.

He is Georges Feuillet, and he had been charged with causing deaths and injuries through imprudent use of the drug — Stalmon — and with infringing pharmaceutical regulations.

The other man accused in the trial, Henri Genet, 44, was fined 100,000 francs. He was the commercial director of the firm which made Stalmon.

During the trial, lawyers told of the sufferings of Stalmon victims, who took the drug in the hope that it would cure boils, pimples and abscesses.

They spoke of blindness, hysteria, hallucinations, madness and paralysis affecting Stalmon users.

Describing the "Stalmon disease" the prosecutor said: "No torturer had hitherto succeeded in making the brain swell inside the skull."

Civil damages totalling 643 million francs were awarded to relatives of 85 of the dead and 100 who had been permanently maimed, against Feuillet, — China Mail Special.

### FRANCE'S SLASHED BUDGET PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY

Paris, Dec. 19.

Premier Felix Gaillard won passage tonight for his 1958 austerity budget for France when the National Assembly voted it through 264 to 191 (unofficial figures) in this evening's confidence test.

### EGG-LAYING RACE

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 19.

An egg-laying race between Malayan and foreign hens will be held here soon.

The local side produce an average of 60 eggs a year. The foreigners, imported pedigree Rhode Island Reds and Leghorns, an average of 200.

The Veterinary Department with an American drug, Terramycin, hope to boost the Malayan birds' production all it approaches that of the foreign birds. — Reuters.

### Japanese Camera Manufacturers Get Together

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Japanese camera makers announced today they will try to increase exports by 50 per cent in 1958 and stop "cut throat competition" with each other.

A spokesman of the Japan Camera Manufacturers' Association said it planned to eliminate "excessive competition" in the home camera market.

Production would be regulated according to estimates requirements in Japan and abroad.

Manufacturers agreed, he said, that they had been issuing new models too frequently in a bid to outdo each other.

#### PRUDENCE

They would henceforth "use prudence" in putting new models on the market, prices of new models would also be fixed after careful consideration.

Last year's exports of Japanese cameras had been worth about US\$10,000,000, but this year's figure would be substantially higher.

Japanese manufacturers felt they had tapped the market both at home and abroad for well to do camera enthusiasts.

They now aimed to produce good cameras cheap enough for people without much money to spare. — Reuters.

### Animal Lover

Kingston, Dec. 19. Eighty-year-old Sidney Harris, taken to hospital today suffering from malnutrition, weighs only 63 lbs.

Neighbours said: "He spends all the money he has after he has paid his rent on food for his dog and cat." — China Mail Special.

### A Savage Battle Between French And Rebel Forces

Algiers, Dec. 19.

French troops and a strong Algerian rebel unit fought a savage four-hour battle yesterday in the Nementcha mountains 23 miles southwest of Cherif, it was learned here today.

Altogether, 70 rebels were killed in the engagement, while French forces lost three killed and 18 wounded, according to reports.

The clash began when the rebel group attacked a company of French paratroopers at about noon. Acting on information received from a reconnaissance plane, French reinforcements arrived on the scene in helicopters, while French pursuit planes machine-gunned the rebels from the air.

#### HEAVY FIRE

On the ground, French troops closed in on the rebels, supported by light and heavy mortar fire.

By 1000 hours, the French forces and the rebels were fighting at close quarters, using hand grenades, pistols and bayonets and knives.

It was believed that the well-trained and well-armed rebel unit had come from Tunisia.

During the battle, rebel machinegun fire forced down the observation plane of a French Major.

The French forces also captured one prisoner, six machineguns, one submachinegun and 30 rifles. — France-Press.

### The Cost Of NATO's Defences

Paris, Dec. 19. The cost of defence to the 15 nations in the Atlantic alliance this year will total \$59,586 million, an official Nato estimate said today.

North African members of the alliance shared \$48,149 million of this total and Europe \$13,437 million.

The United States' figure was \$44,278 million, Britain's \$11,009 million, France's \$1,494, 000 million francs, Germany's 7,789 million marks and Canada's \$1,871 million Canadian.

The Nato announcement explained that the figures may not coincide with those in the national budgets of member nations because of differences between the national and Nato definitions of defence expenditures and because some national budgets include amounts which will be used to cover expenditures spread over a number of years. — China Mail Special.

### HK-Tangier Currency Gaps?

London, Dec. 19.

A Treasury spokesman said today that he had no information on alleged "gaps" in exchange control through Hong Kong and Tangier.

Questioned in Parliament, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Nigel Birch, declared he had heard of no such currency violations but the government was "trying to see that patrolling was 'improved' in the areas in question."

He added that Hongkong was a "difficult area" and patrolling there was "not easy." — United Press.

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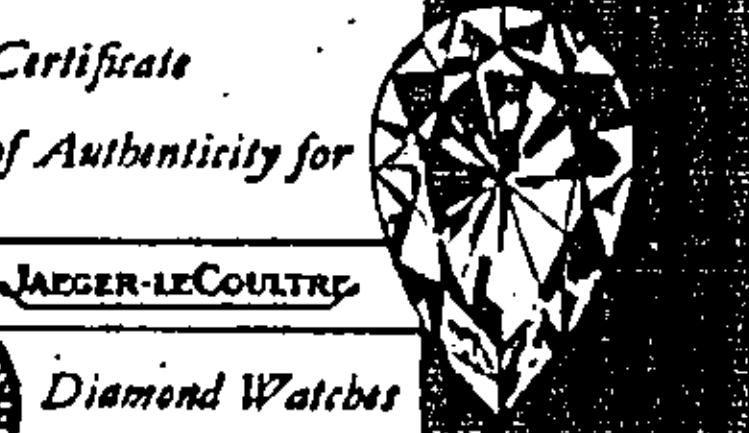
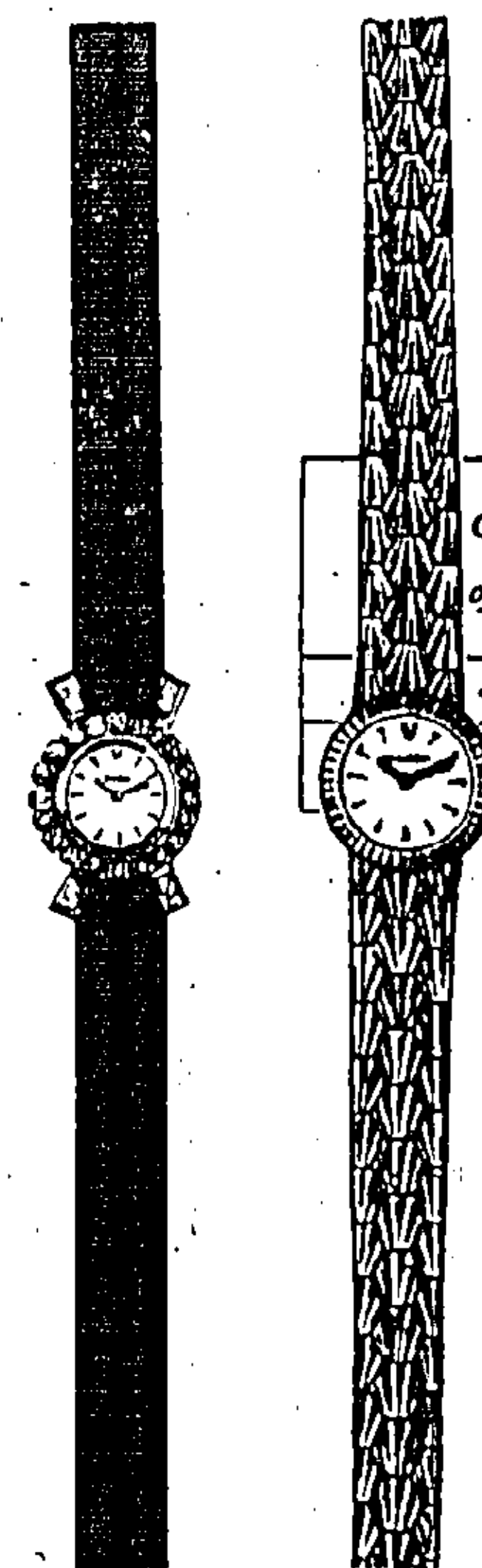
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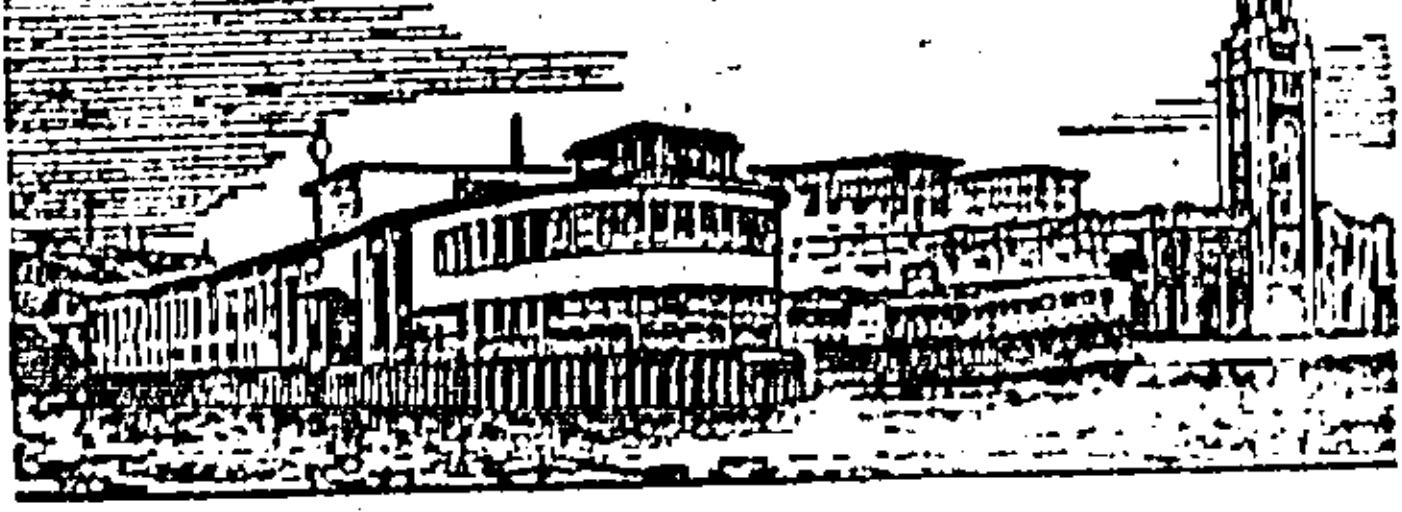
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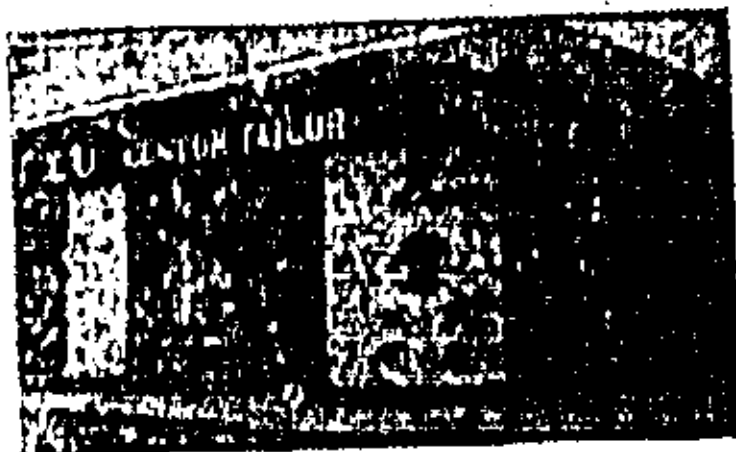
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# RIGHT DRESS!

WINSTON CHURCHILL chewed hard on his cigar as he stamped out of the room.

I felt sure he knew he was in the wrong, but he wasn't going to admit it to me.

I had got him ready for an important reception in Nancy, a small French town. I had laid out his morning clothes. In the left lapel of the jacket I had placed the ribbon of his French Medaille Militaire.

As he studied himself in the full-length mirror he suddenly spotted the ribbon.

"You've put it in the wrong lapel," he said.

I ASSURED him that this decoration is always worn in the LEFT lapel, like all official decorations.

"It is worn in the RIGHT lapel," he insisted.

I didn't want my beloved guy'nor to make a bloomer in public so I argued.

"I'm sorry, sir, but the Medaille Militaire ribbon is worn in the left lapel," I said. "And the medal itself is worn on the left breast." I even told him I had checked with the French Embassy. But Mr Churchill insisted that I should change it before he glowered his way out of the room.

I assumed that he must have got mixed up with a rule about

THE ROLICKING CLOSE-UP  
by WINSTON  
CHURCHILL'S  
VALET (Norman McGowan)



sons of dead Medaille Militaire-holders wearing it on the right.

I was worried, because I knew that all the holders of this particular decoration in Nancy had been invited to the reception to meet Mr Churchill. What would happen, I wondered?

I suppose I was wearing a smug look when he came back from the reception, because

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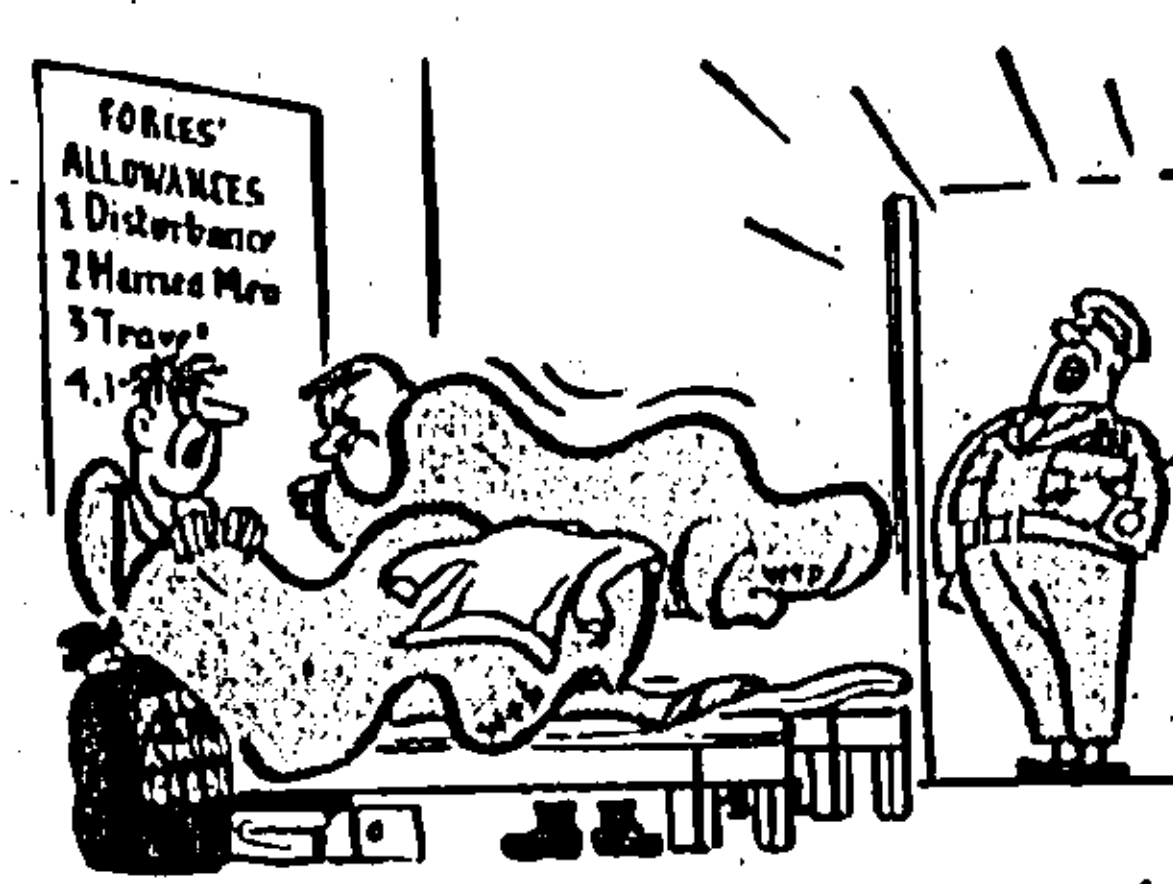
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"We supply the Commander-in-Chief, General Spidel; you supply the army and we'll split the cost—we'll pay Spidel!"



"You're the cause of all the trouble for a start—encouraging inflationary spending sprees."



"I don't know what the Disturbance Allowance is, but it ought to be doubled."



"We've got to get these Arabs to trust us, so I'm trying out this new uniform."



"Are you sure it's got nothing to do with this new Anglo-American missile agreement?"



"I bet that's old Marples up to his publicity tricks again."



## HIS HAT

Whenever he was making an important speech, he insisted on wearing his chimney-pot hat. "It's my lucky hat," he told me. "I always make my best speeches when I wear it."

## HIS SHIRTS

He wore at least three a day. He hated the type of dress shirts that button up the back. I've seen him rip off three in a row because they were too stiff. He would never let me tie his bow-tie. Only HE could tie the perfect double bow.

## HIS COATS

It was difficult to keep him looking smart. His pockets were always full of match-boxes. A coat he wore at home was not fit for a tramp. I got his tailor to copy it, but he kept to the old one.

## HIS TROUSERS

Never was any man more particular about trousers. They always had to be perfectly pressed. His socks had special built-in suspenders.

## HIS SHOES

No lace—always zip-fasteners, and always the same old black pair. He insisted on wearing these in Buckingham Palace, even after I bought him new ones at £9.95 a pair.

stop the noise of workmen building the stands on Horse Guards Parade.

My beloved guy'nor didn't mind so much about noise when he was not working.

In fact he enjoyed it at his lovely home, Chartwell, in Kent, when he decided TO MOVE THE HILL.

ONE day as he looked from his study window he said:—"Norman, I think that little hill would look better over there."

It was all part of his craze for what he called "changing the scenery."

A few days later a bulldozer arrived and the hill was gradually shifted.

Mr Churchill loved the roar of the machine and the crashing of the trees.

But he would NEVER allow anyone to write about him.

Not even his favourite tune, "Run Rabbit Run."

One tune he would never listen to was "Keep Right On To The End Of The Road," because it made him so sad.

But the saddest I ever saw Mr Churchill was over an old tramp. The tramp was found in one of the dilapidated farm buildings.

Mr Churchill wouldn't let anyone throw him out.

Then after we had been away for a few weeks, we arrived home to find the old tramp had died—and been given a pauper's burial.

Mr Churchill was so unhappy about this that he wanted to have him dug up again, and given a "proper funeral."

I KNOW there is an old saying that no man is a hero to his valet.

BUT MR CHURCHILL was such a hero to me that I was DIS-APPOINTED when he was knighted. He deserved to be made a duke.

NOW MY GREAT HOPE IS THAT ONE DAY I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL MY FRIENDS: "THE DUKE OF CHARTWELL WAS MY BE-LOVED GUV'NOR."



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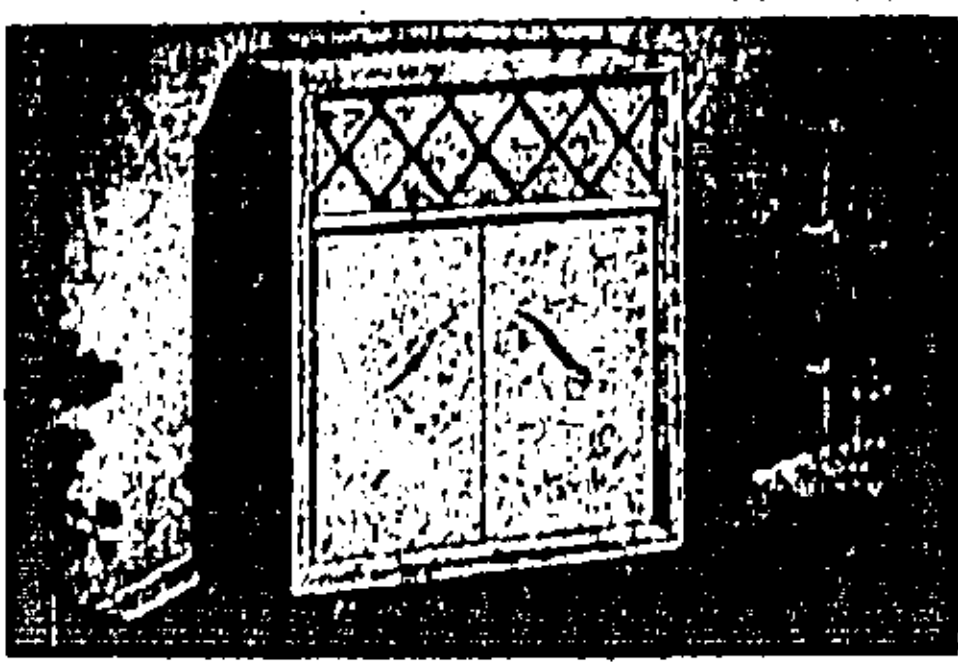
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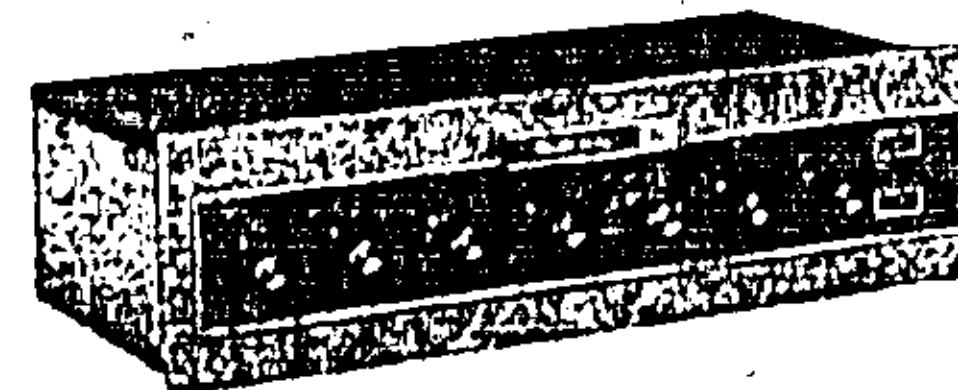
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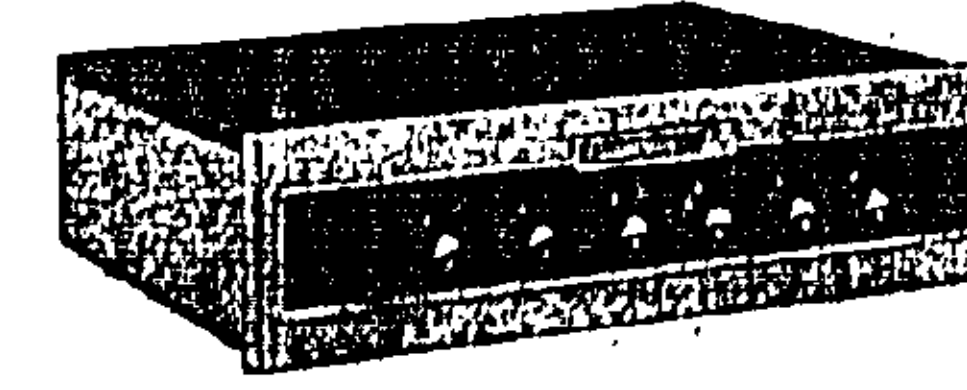
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IN THEIR NEW HABITAT**

Nairobi.  
THE stately homes of England transplanted to Kenya are a long day's drive from Nairobi.

When the tarmac road runs out you kick up great choking clouds of dust in thorn and scrub country. Then you climb through lush meadows full of sheep that could be anywhere in Southern England before dropping down again to start the long slog up into the foothills of the great mountains.

**Giraffe...**

At 8,000ft. you find them—looking like England except that they are mostly single-storied and have tin roofs. Snooty giraffe blink enormous chorus-girl eye-lashes through the windows at ancestral portraits by old Dutch masters.

When the petrol pump starts up the lighting supply at sundown, guests with whiskies and sodas in crystal glasses sit waiting for the leopard to cough.

Great houses and castles in England are empty shells now, rented by a Ministry, or the R.A.F., or converted into schools. The dukes and earls brought the heirlooms to the green hills of Africa to avoid taxation.

I visited some of them in Kenya and then I flew to Southern Rhodesia to see some others.

Are they homesick? Do they miss the old round of shoots and hunt balls? Do they live the life of useful lords in the Colonies or do they merely shelter in economic funkholes? This is what I found.

Four candles made the Queen Anne candlesticks and the eighteenth-century silver footman's buttons on the

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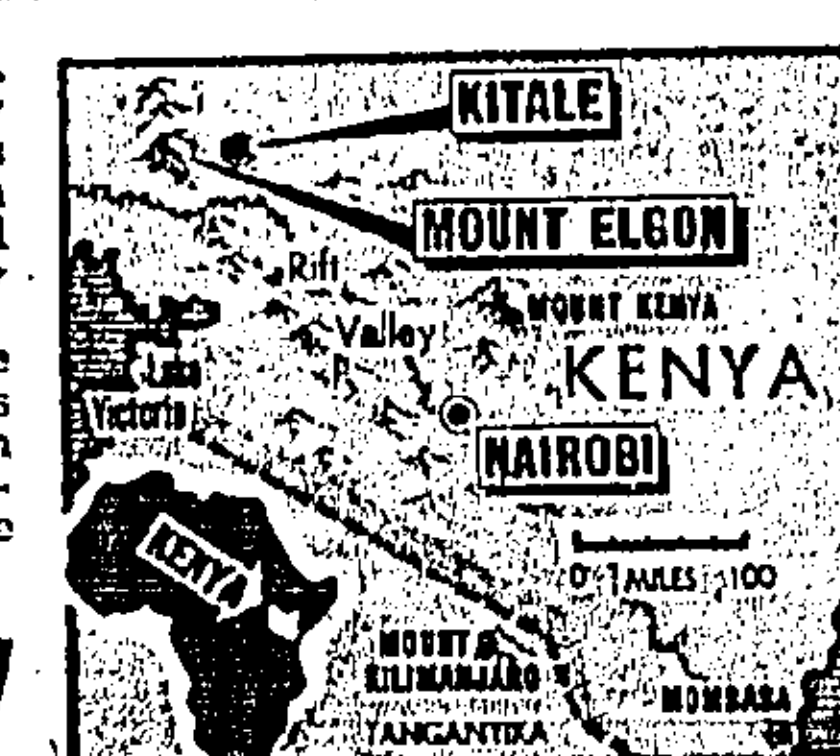
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by  
**Donald Wise**

DUKES IN THE AREA MAPPED ABOVE.  
WHO HAS BEEN SEEKING OUT THE NEW

He lives near Kitale about 50 miles from the Earl of Portsmouth by another mountain, also about 260 miles from Nairobi. He was wearing shorts and a green-and-blue American beach shirt.

The duchess was cutting flowers in a pink silk blouse and slacks. Round her waist was a red-and-white belt with a gold-crested buckle, and she wore white wedge-heeled sandals.

"I came here in 1940 after I was demobbed from the Navy. I have 10,000 acres of maize and ranchland, and we built this house ourselves. First of all we lived in an earth-floored hut with a thatched roof."

The 350-roomed castle in England which before the war needed 20 servants to run (apart from butlers and keepers) is now a school. The duke's Kenya household

His face burned fire-engine red by the sun, the duke walked me to my car past lily pools and garden statuary specially brought out from Britain. Like all these Kenya es-

tates, his life in a breathtakingly beautiful setting.

The green lawns were shaded by plane trees against a background of golden maize, purple mountains and sea-green jungle.

"My son (Viscount Mandeville) farms near here and I have no intention of returning to England. Unless, of course, the Socialist Government opens the White Highlands to the

numbers 14 houseboys and 20 gardeners.

"I love England but it is impossible to live there. My wife and I drove tractors and worked like blazes when we first started here."

In addition to 13,000 books Manchester's house is bursting with treasures. I noted 12 Holbeins, a Van Dyck, an Aubusson carpet, a tapestry from

the room Catherine of Aragon died in, James I tables and chairs, and a William and Mary bedspread.

There was the world's only complete collection of Gould's 27 hand-painted volumes on birds, a folio of unframed original Whistlers, a second folio of Shakespeares, a solid silver fireplace by Leveroy, and the complete correspondence between Walpole and Montagu.

"I tell the Africans it is all old stuff, so then they don't pinch it," said the duchess easily.

"I have no telephone and sometimes read the London papers when they come in a lump, sometimes not," the duke went on. "But I glue myself to the radio for fights and sports events."

"The only thing I miss from England is my shooting."

The duke, once a great Rugby player, has a reputation in Kenya for being a fast man into the forests after terrorists.

Like Portsmouth, he puts in a long day on his farm, is generally asleep by 9.15 p.m.

Sometimes he and the duchess run through hired movies on their projector.

Africans—in which case I shall have to think again."

He gave my driver directions in fluent Swahili and sped me on my way. "Soon I shall be making as much money as Portsmouth," he shouted.

"COWBOY" ANGUS GRAHAM, alias the seventh Duke of Montrose, stood yanking the daylight out of the bellows beneath the piece of brass marked H.M.S. Ludlow, slung between two posts on his front lawn.

For whom tolled the bell? For the duke's ragged Matabele and Mashona labour force to come swarming out of his 3,000 acres and collect their weekly pay.

"Forgotten Scotland?" he harrumphed. "I made a point of going to my crofters when I was there a few months ago and telling them what rot that idea was."

But Montrose has been a Rhodesian to all intents and purposes since 1931 when he first voluntarily exiled himself from the shrinking ancestral estates. (They shrivelled from 130,000 acres in 1925 to 10,000 in 1954.)

He would rather be known as Angus Graham than the Duke, and he was wearing a tattered brown Riviera shirt and dreadful old scuffed slippers when I saw him.

He is an eccentric, energetic experimenter, for ever testing new pasture methods.

He pioneered the import of milky-white hump-backed Brahmin beef cattle into Rhodesia. His superstitious herdsmen regard them as sacred and believe the baas—who once peppered the local Press with letters on the subject of the "dark savage depths" of the African mind—is a bit of a head-shrinker himself.

To reach his property you must motor along a tarmac road winding north from booming Salisbury, through the horrible filling station and bungalow eyesores of ribbon development.

Simple

AS a wartime naval officer Montrose commanded the former American battleship USS Stetson, later renamed H.M.S. Ludlow.

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If ever there was a case of much ado about nothing it is this proposed legislation for the reform of the House of Lords.

It is not reform at all, merely slight variations in the composition of the House. To add a few life peers and peeresses will make no real difference to its functioning.

The new recruits will soon settle down to the jog-trot routine or to indifference as have done so many of the hereditary peers of the first creation.

The crux of the matter lies in the question of powers and duties.

#### GREAT POWER

MEN who have held high posts in the public service or in business or the professions, the sort of men, it is said, we want to get into the Lords, are men who have had highly important duties to perform or who have exercised great powers. Matters have been decided in accordance with their decisions.

They have said "Go" and men have gone, "Come" and men have come.

How can they be expected to take an interest in and devote themselves to such work as is carried on in the Lords amid towns of empty benches?

It is said repeatedly that our debates are the admiration of the world. Yet they are ignored completely by the majority of our newspapers, barely reported in a few. You may search the world press in vain for any mention of them. So on what evidence does the world base its admiration?

The average debate fizzles out about 5 p.m. without a division. There are constant complaints of the inadequacy of Government replies and for all practical purposes nothing is accomplished.

"When politics cease to be discussed robustly," says Lord Hailsham, "they cease to be interesting."

Again, I am told, the House of Lords serves a useful purpose in revising and amending ill-considered legislation sent up from the Commons. If we do it so well then clearly our performance of this work calls for no reform of the House. You can-

#### POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"The House can do what it likes, Littlehampton, but we want no reformed peers in this club!"

# Is the House of Lords WORTH reforming?

## THE SHAM FIGHTS OF TODAY'S DEBATING SOCIETY ARE VALUELESS

not do better than what, it is claimed, is done perfectly.

In any case, that it has to be done is not a reason for reform of the Lords but for reform of the Commons, whose methods of work lead to this hasty, ill-digested legislation.

#### THEN WHY...?

It follows that the brilliant men and women who are to come to the Lords will have nothing more to do than is already being done and, we are told, done admirably.

Then why bring them in? They will find themselves involved only in the same sham fights and debating society debates. They will have nothing more to sharpen their wits on and get their teeth into than have those who attend the Lords today.

And when I contemplate the anticipated brilliance of these new recruitments I am reminded of Lord Mountbatten in Ireland. "Well, now that the Peers are to be recruited entirely from persons of intelligence, I really don't see what we are."

If you were to take a list of Socialist peers who have been sent up and strike from it those who never attend, those who come but never speak, and those who speak but have nothing to say you arrive at the number of those who attend, speak, and have something to say. It is a very small number.

And as there are practically no divisions it cannot be said of these silent peers, as of their counterparts in the Commons, that: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

On the Tory side I could name five viscounts who rose to eminence in Tory Governments and played active and effective parts in the Commons. One has not even taken his seat. One has done so but never attends. The three others may drop in for an hour or so as to a club, but they have never spoken.

Lord Chandos had some original, important, and valuable suggestions to make concerning industrial relations. He chose to develop them before the Institute of Directors rather than in the House of Lords, where the subject was debated on the Address and where they would have provoked a most useful debate.

Lord Weeks recently gave his exceptionally valuable advice on the aircraft industry to a Mansion House audience in pre-

ference to the House of Lords, where they would have been debated, criticized, and have elicited a Government reply.

Lord Chandos and Lord Weeks are exactly the type of men whom it is proposed to bring in as life peers. Neither chooses to use the House as a platform.

Much the same thing may be said of peers from other walks of life. Shipowners do not flock in for shipping debates.



by the Rt. Hon.  
**Lord Winster**

As Commander Reginald Fletcher, Lord Winster first became an M.P. in 1923 when he sat as a Liberal. Later he sat as a Socialist for six years.

Men with exceptional experience of the aircraft industry do not take part in our civil aviation debates.

There are, however, a small minority of so-called backwoods peers who do appear when a particular subject which interests them is down for discussion. For example, on the rare occasions when questions affecting the arts come up, unfamiliar faces appear and make admirable contributions.

The fact that we meet only in the afternoon certainly makes it difficult for peers with a living to earn to attend, but



Lowliest of the lot: Lord Hailsham, who has said, "When politics cease to be discussed robustly they cease to be interesting."

this does not apply to a great number of peers. The allowance of railway fares and adequate expenses rules out the "can't afford it" excuse.

If erstwhile dyed-in-the-wool politicians take no interest in the House of Lords and do not regard participation in its work as a duty they owe in return for the rewards they have received, why should recruits from other equally important walks of life—where they have exercised powers commensurate with those of a Cabinet Minister—be expected to do so?

Unless you can give men of such calibre real powers and real duties they will soon cease to attend. And, as the Commons will never agree to the Lords having any real powers or duties other than correcting the faulty exercises sent up to us, the present proposal will certainly lead nowhere.

I am doubtful whether any worthwhile reform is practicable or if such complicated suggestions as have been put forward by Lord Salisbury would work. They do not go to the root of the matter—powers.

You must begin de novo; new winners cannot be put in old bottles. The cliché that a second chamber is a vital essential to the Constitution should not be accepted without examination. If this determines that it is indeed essential, then the next step is to decide what functions and powers should be allotted to such a chamber.

#### DISREPUTE?

FINALLY, the method of deciding the composition of a second chamber with those functions and powers would have to be determined. It certainly should not be a hybrid affair of life and hereditary peers.

Perhaps it will be found that to attempt to build upon the

old foundations is entirely inadvisable, and that the House of Lords as we know it should cease to exist and with it the hereditary legislator principle.

In that case need the members of the new second chamber be styled Lords? It is a little which, from the legislative point of view, has fallen into disuse if not, indeed, disrepute.



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# WICKET-KEEPING HISTORY

DAVIS CUP

## U.S. Team A Very Real Threat, Says Hopman

Melbourne, Dec. 19. Harry Hopman, manager of the Australian Davis Cup team, said today he considered Bill Talbot's United States team "a very real threat" in next week's Challenge Round.

"We realise the Americans have lost Herbie Flam. But even if they lost Flam and Vic Seixas, I'd still say we have something to beat," Hopman said while watching his players in a spirited practice session.

"Barry Mackay has brains and tennis ability," Hopman said. "Who knows what he can do? I haven't seen Ron Holmberg very much, but he also looks like excellent material. These are the sort of boys who win tennis matches."

### Mulloy Off Form

During the United States workout today, Seixas and 44-year-old Gardner Mulloy paired in a doubles practice against Holmberg and Talbot. Mulloy, who played poorly in the doubles match against the Belgians in last week's inter-zone final, again was off-form. He had to struggle to hold his service.

"I admit I've got quite a few double faults in my hat," Talbot said after the drill. "I also admit I'm seriously considering Mackay for a berth in both singles and doubles."

"But my players will be announced when the draw is made made on Christmas Day—not before. I'll tell the boys before hand."

"Mackay is a National Inter-Collegiate Champion who has a great tennis future. But Tony Trabert and I collected Barry three years ago and we've watched him ever since."

Ashley Cooper, Mal Anderson, Neale Fraser and Mervyn Rose of the Australian team appeared to be in top form as they practised at South Yarra, about three miles from the Kooyong Courts, where the Yanks worked.—United Press.



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## Have You Ever Heard Of Edward Pooley?

By CHARLES STEPHEN

London.

How many people, I wonder, have ever heard of Edward Pooley, a 19th century Englishman who used to work in a soap-merchant's office.

Probably very few. And yet he was one of the most courageous sportsmen of his time—a man whose name deserves to be coupled with such bold men as Ben Hogan, Pietri Dorando and Jim Peters.

Pooley had to suffer severe punishment in the name of sport. Jem Mace, the bare knuckle prize-fighter, once said that he would rather stand up against any man in England for an hour than do Pooley's job for five minutes.

What was this job which frightened so tough a character as big Jem Mace? Pooley was a wicket-keeper.

He stood fearlessly behind the stumps in the days when over-arm bowling had just been introduced and when wickets would make the occasional ball fly head high. He stood without pads or gloves.

When Mace remarked about the dangers of wicket-keeping, Pooley had just had three teeth knocked out in a match. This was a comparatively minor injury.

### Broken Fingers

During his cricket career Pooley had every finger and both thumbs broken until his hands became "mere lumps of deformity."

A member of the first England team to visit Australia, Pooley was only 5ft 6ins and weighed about 10 stone. But he had tremendous guts and a cock-sparrow humour.

Naturally, he was not overfond of pace bowling. Before every match he would inspect the wicket and report back: "First-rate wicket—slow bowling is sure to come off today."

Although no sport has produced so much literature as the noble game of cricket, precious little has been written about Edward Pooley and those other gallant wicket-keepers of old. As in a cricket match, most attention has been focused on the bowlers and batsmen.

Only now, after more than two centuries of cricket, has a book been written about the history of wicket-keeping. The

deplorable gap has been most adequately filled by the publication of "The Gallant Stumper" by G. D. Martineau (Stanley Paul, London, 15s.)

This is a book which will entertain all men who have ever served behind the stumps and which will be a vital text-book for every student of cricket history.

Martineau takes us back to the dawn of cricket when there were no regular 'keepers, the position being taken in turn by the bowlers.

For many years the stumper was not expected to take an awkward delivery. And anything on the leg would be left to long-stop.

But don't imagine it was easy stopping underarm "loos." Even in the early days the valiant stumps had their hands severely cut by the atom-bowling of such men as Alfred Mynn, "The Lion of Kent."

Martineau traces the development of wicket-keeping up to the present time and liberally sprinkles each chapter with entertaining anecdotes about the stars behind the stumps.

### No Fair Method

But he does not choose the greatest wicket-keeper of all time. Since Martineau radically with the laws of the game, this could not be fairly done.

Herbert Strudwick holds the record for dismissals (1,493) and Les Ames holds the record for stumpings (413). But the author quotes that great umpire, the late Frank Chester, as saying that William Oldfield of Australia was the best of them all.

Martineau has no hesitation in choosing Ames as the best wicket-keeper—batsman and Betty Snowball as the greatest woman stumper.

Alfred Lyttelton, who was born 100 years ago, stands out as the greatest wicket-keeper of all-rounders. In the Oval Test against Australia in 1884, the tourists amassed the huge total of 551. Lyttelton removed his pads to bowl and took four wickets for 10 runs.

W. G. Grace said jokingly: "Get back to your pads, young man—your legs are worse than I thought."

### Great Drivers

From courage behind the cricket stumps to courage behind the driving wheel. From the question of the greatest stumper to the question of the greatest British driver.

"Sammy" Davis, the doyen of British motoring journalists, has produced another excellent book for motor-racing enthusiasts. His subject—and one on which no man could write with more authority—is "Great British Drivers" (Hamish Hamilton, London, 12s. 6d.).

Davis, a personal friend of many of the greatest figures in British motoring history, picks a dozen drivers as being "great."

Charles Jarrott, Selwyn Edge, Kenelm and Sir Algernon Guinness, Sir Henry, Sir John de Hane, George, Woolf Barnato, Sir Henry Birkin, Brian Lewis, John Cobb, Richard Seaman, Reg Parnell and Stirling Moss.

Younger motoring fans may feel that the present age with its raceable drivers as Mike Hawthorn and Peter Collins has been meanly treated. And certainly this book leaves me with the suspicion that the author has a special affection for the pioneers of British racing.

This is understandable. It was such men as Jarrott and Edge who gave the sport that air of romance "without which it could not have made so great an appeal to popular imagination."

In those far-off days no car-racing was permitted in Britain. English enthusiasts had to go abroad to gain experience, racing against the expert foreign drivers. It was a very tough school, indeed.

In 1901 Charles Jarrott drove a Panhard in the 687-mile race from Paris to Berlin. In the dust and heat of one day he and his mechanic had to repair eight punctures.

There were many more punctures, yet Jarrott would not withdraw from the race. He was determined to finish the course. And he did.

No driver has shown a greater determination to triumph over disaster. The following year Jarrott was racing from Paris to Vienna when one side of his

car's frame came apart. If something was not done quickly the car would certainly break in half.

So the driver bought some bolts, stole the legs from an hotel table, drilled holes through them, and produced a stiffening gadget which could be bolted to either side of the frame fracture to hold the ends together.

Edge also possessed that tremendous will-to-win which is the hallmark of all great champions. When his car had punctures he would prise tyre covers off the rims with his bare hands, trundling the car forward to do so in the absence of a jack.

### An Agony

After a series of punctures all his fingers would be torn, bleeding, and covered with dirt. Even to hold the wheel was an agony. Yet he would drive on, grimly.

Davis describes these scenes vividly and has a rich supply of anecdotes about these pioneers. As a schoolboy he saw most of the "giants" in action and for many years he was motor-racing himself.

The greatest British driver? Davis cannot say. As he points out, greatness in racing cannot be measured by success alone. And the art of racing in vintage times and racing today is vastly different.

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## South Australia Dismissed For 193 By NSW

Adelaide, Dec. 19. Alan Wynn, 22-year-old New South Wales fast bowler, claimed five wickets for 36 in helping the Sheffield Shield Champions to dismiss South Australia for 193 today.

At the end of the first day's play in the Shield match here, New South Wales had replied with 90 for two.

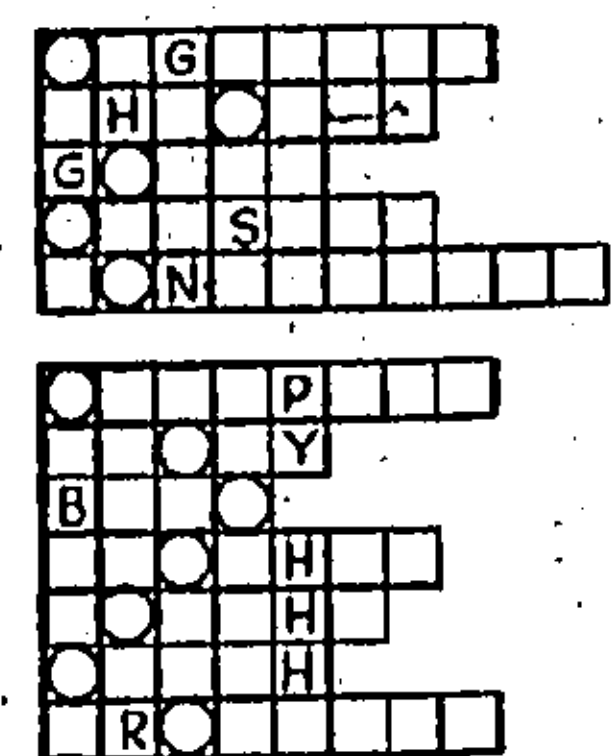
Lindsay, captain of South Australia, made 43, including two sixes and five fours.

Bruce Dooland, the Australian Test player, playing for South Australia, took one wicket for 42 runs in 11 overs later.—China Mail Special.



## NAMESAKES

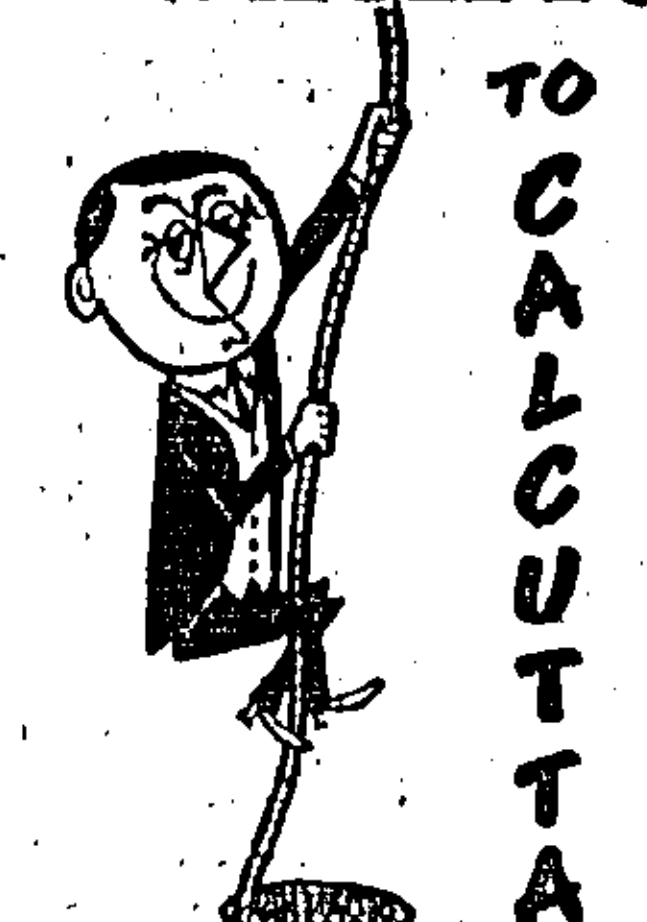
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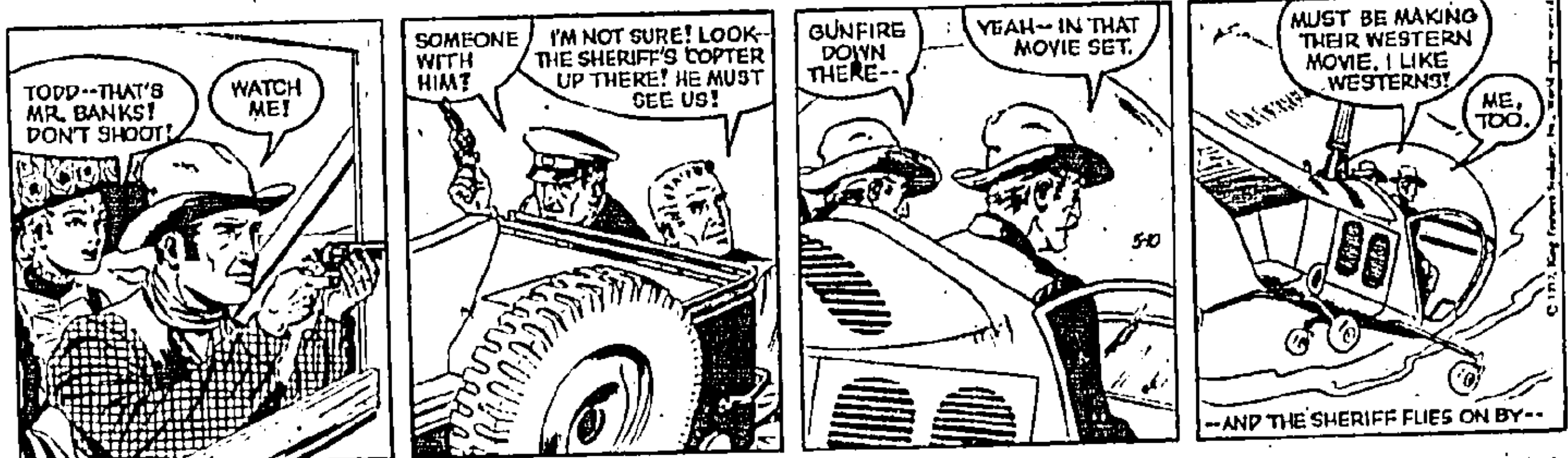
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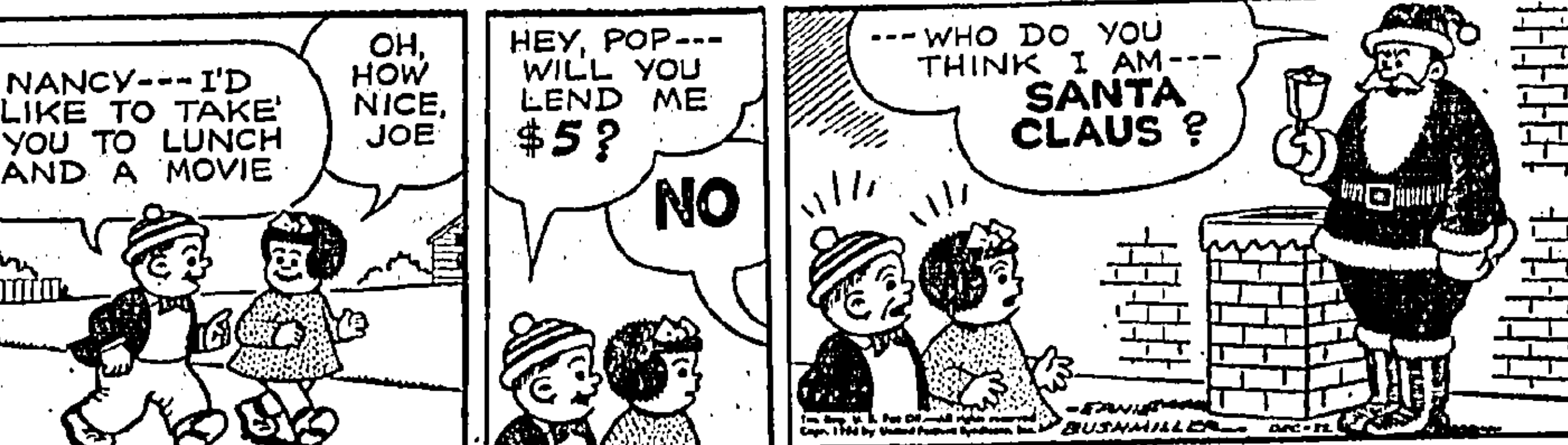
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## VATICAN'S OSSERVATORE ROMANO SAYS: TOO MUCH CRIME AND SEX IN ITALIAN PRESS

By HORACE CASTELL

Rome, Dec. 19.

THE Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" is accusing the Italian press of devoting too much space to crime and sex and too little to news of "genuine international interest."

Almost every day recently, the highly influential newspaper published in Vatican City every afternoon and circulated among Catholics (principally priests and missionaries) all over the world, has carried editorials strongly criticizing the Italian press for the number of columns devoted to sensational murder cases, to scandal trials, to the exhibitions of publicly-seeking starlets.

Recently, "Osservatore Romano," after measuring the space given to this kind of news in Rome and Milan newspapers, wrote, in heavy black type:

### What Duty

"We ask in obedience to what duty of the press were the following items widely published?"

"Italian starlette's strip-tease at Jayne Mansfield's press conference: Rome newspapers gave about 20 square inches to this news on October 24, Milan newspapers on the following day, Rome newspapers carried about 100 square inches, plus three photographs."

"Jayne Mansfield's press conference in Rome: press conference about 91 square inches."

"Carpenter strips before a married woman: Rome newspapers about 12 square inches."

"Three Sicilians knife impresario who refuses to introduce three show girls to them: Rome newspapers about 34 square inches."

"Alberto Anastasia the gang leader murdered in New York: Rome and Milan papers—total of about 170 square inches."

### No Space

On the other hand, the Vatican newspaper added, Italian newspapers apparently found no space for such news as:

"The World Union of Women's Catholic Organizations (with 30,000,000 members in 65 countries) and its debate on the 'Church of Silence' (the Catholic Church in Communist-ruled Eastern Europe)."

"The proposal for a United Front against Moscow made by the Orthodox in free countries (10,000,000 of them)."

"The Dante Alighieri Institute reopens centre in Los Angeles after 18 years."

"Research into peaceful uses of 'thermo-nuclear energy'."

The "Osservatore Romano" has waged a campaign against

### A Scandal

Nearly every newspaper in Italy published long reports of the trial proceedings. Many of Rome's most authoritative daily newspapers devoted anything up to a page to the scandal.

The reaction of the Vatican newspaper was to label the trial as "a traffic in erotic drugs" which panders to the ever morbid curiosity of the public, and which provides a lesson in the corruption of the young—while crime reports in newspapers are described as "a school of death."

"Crime and suicides are reported in every detail with a harrowing sadism capable of upsetting even the most balanced person," it declared. "And inevitably, these crimes and suicides are promptly and repeatedly imitated."

Trials like the drugs scandal case should not be held in public to avoid the long newspaper reports which play no good, useful role in the national or domestic life of Italy, or in international or even inter-planetary affairs.

"Osservatore Romano" wrote, "The magistrates should only allow

### The Dignity

Reporting such cases harms the dignity of the press and the authorities, the 'health of our people and the morals of the country's youth,' it declared, and called on Catholic newspapers to join in its campaign.

Neutral observers here feel, however, that, unlike many other recent campaigns (against "obscene" film posters, for instance), "Osservatore Romano" is unlikely to achieve any success in its efforts to clean up the Italian press.

Compared with newspapers all over the world, they say, the Italian press devotes no more space than the rest to crime and sex. It differs from the British or American press, however, in that Italy's elastic libel laws allow newspapers here to print more details of murder cases and society scandals.

"Osservatore Romano" editor commented, "After being gagged for 20 years by the Fascists, we are very jealous of our post-war freedom. We shall fight any attempt whatsoever to limit this freedom."—China Mail Special.

### A Prostitute

Two days later, a prostitute was murdered in a Rome flat in particularly sordid circumstances. With few exceptions, Italian newspapers published long, detailed front page accounts of the case.

"Osservatore Romano" came out with a one and a half column editorial entitled: "Beyond every limit."

"Entire pages have been devoted to the case," it commented. "Special editions have come out. The news has been given

## CRUSADER KNIGHTS DINED AND WINED IN THIS HALL

By ARYE WALLENSTEIN

Acce, Dec. 19.

A large hall in Gothic style where the Knights of Saint John dined and wined eight centuries ago has been partly uncovered here by archaeologists digging in the crypt under the city's 19th century citadel.

The hall is said to be the earliest Gothic structure so far recovered within the boundaries of the Crusader Kingdom. Its roofed and pointed cross-vaults are supported by three large columns, only one of which, the westernmost, has so far been completely uncovered.

Archaeologists hope that further finds will throw light on the Crusader period in the Holy Land, 1099-1291 A.D. (After Christ), especially since the Knights of the Order of the Temple and Hospitallers are known to have had their headquarters at Acce.

King Richard

In fact, this city on the shores of the placid bay which curves round to the modern hillside town of Haifa, is closely linked with the short-lived reign of Christianity in the Holy Land. It was here that Richard Coeur de Lion pitched his tent in 1190. It was Acce that was chosen as capital of the Crusader Kingdom, when the famous Saladin conquered Jerusalem from the Crusaders. It was the fall of this city, in 1291, that marked the end of the Crusader Kingdom in the Holy Land.

The Hall of the residence of the Knights of Saint John is only one of many Crusader relics in this town. For Acce has preserved through the centuries something of the air of Crusader days, in spite of the 18th century mosque of the Turkish period and the more modern box-like rows of new buildings built under the State of Israel in the past decade.

In the days when the Crusader knights and their fair ladies walked the cobbled lanes and chivalry still lived, Acce was a city of high walls, wide moats, graceful towers and slender steeples.

It retained similar features in the still existing walls, archways, moats and earthworks built on Crusader foundations by Turkish rulers, who drew freely on Crusader ruins for building materials. The loss of its ancient prosperity, however, is stressed by the small harbour, today used by only a few fishing craft.

### 8 Centuries Ago

Eight centuries ago, the Military Orders made Acce an important port city where vessels laden with the riches of the Orient—embroidered brocades, silks, gold, jewels and glistening peacock feathers—sailed to the trading ports of Italy and France. Then, Acce served as the gate to the Holy Land, where pilgrims came and found shelter in spacious hostels built for them in the city by the Crusader knights, where the treasures brought by conquering

### Central Column

The central column was found embedded in the wall of the eastern in which the eastern column stands and where the huge medieval floor is completely preserved. The removal of the eastern would restore the Chapter Hall fully to its former splendour, the archaeologists believe.

Two blocked gates discovered in the western wall of the hall apparently lead into rooms whose existence had not been previously suspected. According to one theory, one of these gates leads into the Chapel of the Order of St John, where famous Crusader Princes are believed to be buried.

Archaeologists digging under the Gothic structure found that the site was occupied in Roman days. The heavy column of the Chapter Hall rests on a bedrock of a Hellenic quarry, and Hellenic potsherds were found. Similarly, during excavation of a Roman foundation wall, Roman sherds were identified.

### The Digging

Digging in the crypt of St John was carried out by the curator of the local Municipal museum, Dr A. Goldman, but had to be discontinued for lack of funds. An Israeli newspaper columnist has meanwhile appealed to the Knights of Malta and the English Grand Priory of the Order of St John of Jerusalem to help finance the excavations.

"There is no reason," he wrote, "why the help of two mighty organisations should not be invited; the history of the Order of St John is of top importance to the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta and the English Order of the Knights of St John."—China Mail Special.

## From the Files 25 years AGO

A CHINESE, whose description is in the hands of the Canton Municipal Police but who has not yet been apprehended, is wanted in Shamen for thefts of jewellery. In one case three watches were stolen, together with a sum of money from the offices of the Imperial Chemical Industries, and on another occasion the thief secured entry into the home of Mrs Southam, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and stole a tray from her jewel-box containing all her jewellery.

Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Colonial Office, and Lady Wilson were the guests of honour at a brilliant Chinese dinner party given by the four Chinese members of the Hongkong Executive and Legislative Councils at the Chinese Merchants Club. The hosts were Sir Shou-son and Lady Chou, the Hon. and Mrs R. H. Kowal, the Hon. and Mrs S. W. To and the Hon. T. N. Chau.

### ONE of the worst storms in the history of Sydney

burst over the city last week. The terrific wind caused widespread damage. What is described as a tornado approached the city from the west, doing heavy damage among the fruit and poultry farms between Penrith and Sydney. The storm completely passed within half an hour.

Aberdeenshire beef at the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, for \$1.50 a pound (steaks).

CHEUNG Choi, charged before Mr Schofield at Central Court yesterday, with using her husband's monthly tram ticket, was fined the maximum amount of \$10.

Lo Kuan-mun, a 13-year-old student, who died at his residence, 2 First Lane, Kowloon, on August 22, 1930, intestate, left an estate valued at \$29,800. Letters of administration have been granted to his mother.

SAYING of the week: The worst of it is that disarmament has been left to the pacifists, and peace has been left to militarists. — Mr Lloyd George.

BIRD'S EYE: Thieves on Taing I Island wore hoods—Robbin' Hoods, of course.

MR C. E. Terry was slightly injured on Wednesday in a motor accident which occurred when in endeavouring to avoid a collision he had suddenly left the footpath, he drove his car into the railings guarding a nullah in Waterloo Road. Mr Terry received a slight cut on the head. The car was damaged to the extent of \$300.

BRUSSELS: More than 10,000 people from the neighbouring country side assembled today in the village of Beaurain in the Ardennes, in order to witness "partitions" which five children asserted to have beheld a few days ago and which, according to their testimony, were to return today having manifested themselves by curing a lame child and blind beggar. The operations failed to show up.

A MOST interesting wedding took place yesterday, when Miss Thelma May, elder daughter of Mr George W. May and Mrs Mabel May, of Hongkong, was married to Mr Horst Heilmeyer, youngest son of the late Hermann Heilmeyer, of Remscheid, Rhineland. They were married at the Tao Fong Shan monastery with the Rev. Dr Karl L. Reichelt officiating.

CANTON: Students and teachers of all municipal schools are required to use only native materials for their daily wear according to a ruling of the Municipal Bureau of Education.

## China Mail Entertainment Guide

### WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Town On Trial." John Mills, Charles Coburn and Barbara Bates in a suspense drama.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "Ali-Baba And The 40 Thieves."

ROXY & BROADWAY: "John Of The Black Gangs." Vittorio Gassman and Constance Smith in an Italian production of medieval times.

STAR & METROPOLE: "The Great Man." Jose Ferrer becomes a public idol.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Invisible Boy." Science fantasy.

LEE: "The Bolshoi Ballet." Galina Ulanova at the Covent Garden.

RITZ: "Phantom Of The Rue Morgue." Karl Malden and Patricia Medina in a thriller.

CAPITOL: "Tammy And The Bachelor." Leslie Nielsen and Debbie Reynolds.

MAJESTIC: "The Sun Also Rises." Tyrone Power and Ava Gardner in a Hemingway novel.

ORIENTAL: "Vintage." Pier Angeli and Mel Ferrer in a love story.

## BRITAIN URGED TO USE EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE

London, Dec. 19.

Lord Elibank, a Liberal Peer, told the House of Lords today that China was importing machinery and ancillary equipment valued at over £400 million a year.

Britain's share in this trade had been less than £1 million a year largely because of the embargo on export of certain types of goods to China, he said.

Lord Elibank said that according to figures given by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade, West Germany's exports to China were now nearly twice

as large as Britain's and included electro-technical equipment and rolling mill installations.

He urged the government to use the "exceptions procedure" to reduce the anomalies arising from the export restrictions.

Lord Mancroft, Minister without portfolio, replied that while not endorsing Lord Elibank's assertions he could assure him that the Government was well aware that British exporters would like more scope for trading with China.

Any exceptions would have to be discussed internationally in the various consultative groups, he said.—Reuter.

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## RADIO HONGKONG

5.30, Asian Club; 6, Time Signal, Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas; 6.30, Junior Hour; 7, 100 minutes for teenagers introduced by Deborah; 7.15, Time Signal; 7.30, Your Report; 7.45, The News; 8, Your Week-end presented by Ted Thomas; 8.30, Edmund's Rose and the Orchestra; 8.45, A Meeting with Thomas Hardy by Walter de la Mare; 9, The J. L. Riley Festival Chorus (BBC); 9.15, The Hong Kong Radio Studio presents "Brotherhood of Fear" by Colwyn Hay; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, Weather Report; 10, Time Signal; 10.15, The News; 10.30, Music Lovers Hour; 10.45, Classical Requests presented by Albert Decker; 10.55, Take it from here with Dick Bentley; 11, Jimmy Under the Stars; 11.15, The World (BBC); 11.30, (Repeat of last Tuesday's broadcast); 11.45, The Delta Rhythm Boys; 12, Weather Report; 12.15, Time Signal; Radio News Reel; 12.30, Goodnight Music; 12.30, Close Down.

Orchestra; 11, Date With Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12, Midnight; "God Save The Queen." Close Down.

## TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—Cartoons; 5.15, Puppet Theatre; 5.30, "Cisco Kid"; 6, Close Down; 7.30, "The Star"; 7.45, Rediffusion News; 8, World and Colony Events; 8.15, The Victor-Starring Ian McDonald, Fay Baker and Paul Guilfoyle in "Sliding Place"; 8.30, Watch the World; 8.45, Sports Box—presented by Jack Sloan; 9, Jack Webb in "Dragnet"; 9.30, Rediffusion Theatre Presents: Catherine Opera, starring Mak Sien Sing; 10.30, Late Night; 11, The Victor—Starring Ian McDonald, Fay Baker and Paul Guilfoyle in "Sliding Place"; 11.15, Weather Report and Announcements; Close Down.

## "No Rocket Bases In Scotland"

Glasgow, Dec. 19.

A six-foot long banner bearing the slogan "No rocket bases in Scotland" was hung from the balcony of the city chambers here, today shortly before a meeting of the city corporation.

Before the meeting began, the banner was removed.

At the meeting, a suggestion that the corporation should express concern about the proposed bases in Scotland was ruled out of order by the Lord Provost (Chairman).—China Mail Special.

## REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Musical Matinee; 3.30, Strike Up The Band; 4, The Four Seasons; 4.30, Musical A B C—Songs and Rhymes; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 5.45, Serenade; 6, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Band Call; 6.45, The Story of Jane Armitage; 7, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, Weather Forecast; 7.45, The News; 7.55, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 8.55, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 10.55, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 11.55, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 12.55, The News; 1, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 1.55, The News; 2, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 2.55, The News; 3, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 3.55, The News; 4, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 4.55, The News; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, The News; 5.45, The News; 5.55, The News; 6, The News; 6.15, The News; 6.30, The News; 6.45, The News; 6.55, The News; 7, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 7.55, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 8.55, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 10.55, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 11.55, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 12.55, The News; 1, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 1.55, The News; 2, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 2.55, The News; 3, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 3.55, The News; 4, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 4.55, The News; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, The News; 5.45, The News; 5.55, The News; 6, The News; 6.15, The News; 6.30, The News; 6.45, The News; 6.55, The News; 7, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 7.55, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 8.55, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 10.55, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 11.55, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 12.55, The News; 1, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 1.55, The News; 2, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 2.55, The News; 3, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 3.55, The News; 4, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 4.55, The News; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, The News; 5.45, The News; 5.55, The News; 6, The News; 6.15, The News; 6.30, The News; 6.45, The News; 6.55, The News; 7, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 7.55, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 8.55, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 10.55, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 11.55, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 12.55, The News; 1, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 1.55, The News; 2, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 2.55, The News; 3, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 3.55, The News; 4, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 4.55, The News; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 5.30, The News; 5.45, The News; 5.55, The News; 6, The News; 6.15, The News; 6.30, The News; 6.45, The News; 6.55, The News; 7, The News; 7.15, The News; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 7.55, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 8.55, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 9.55, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 10.55, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 11.55, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.4







# Japan Could Be Bombarded

## Lasseter's Last Ride Explorer's Body Found In Desert

New York, Dec. 19. An expedition led by commentator Lowell Thomas has found the remains of Harold Bell Lasseter, an explorer who disappeared in 1930 in Australia, Thomas's office said today.

For years, Thomas said, it was rumored that Lasseter had survived the expedition. But an expedition led by Thomas has found the remains of Lasseter in the Petermann Ranges of Australia.

The expedition was led to the spot where the remains were found by an aborigine who, as a small boy, was with his tribe in the Australian desert when aborigines tried to help Lasseter, the announcement said.

Lasseter set out with a large expedition but, after many misfortunes, all turned back except Lasseter who continued on alone.—United Press.

## BASES PRESUMED ON THE ASIA MAINLAND

By DAVID SHEARS

Washington, Dec. 20.

Both the Soviet Union and China must be presumed to have missiles capable of bombarding Japan from bases on the Asian mainland, an authoritative Japanese source said today.

The source said he did not know whether the Soviet Union had sufficient confidence in China to supply her with nuclear warheads. Nor was it known for certain whether or not the Soviet Union had nuclear warheads for missiles stationed on bases believed to exist in Siberia.

The source was commenting at a press background briefing in answer to questions arising from yesterday's Tokyo announcement that Japan was shortly to receive its first military missile, the United States Sidewinder air-to-air guided rocket.

and nuclear weapons fell into this category.

The source said in answer to another question that the Soviet Union was believed to have several hundred submarines in the Far East, and that this was a very great threat to Japan.

He said that as the Russo-Japanese War had shown early in the century, Vladivostok was a good naval base but so surrounded by the Japanese island chain that it was practically bottled up.

### Presumption

It was to be presumed that the Soviet Union had not yet acquired the use of a good submarine base in China, he said.

State Department sources declined to comment on the location and number of possible Soviet and Chinese missile or submarine bases within striking distance of Japan.—Reuter.

### Road Ordinance

Today's Government announced that HE the Governor, in the name and on behalf of HM the Queen, had given his assent to Ordinance No. 39 of 1957—an Ordinance to make amended provision for the regulation of road traffic and the use of vehicle and user of roads and for the other purposes connected therewith.

## H.E.'s SPEECH

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the refugee problem. "In the eyes of the British Government," a spokesman said, "it has been recognised as an international problem."

Sir Robert Black, who succeeds Sir Alexander Grantham next year, declined to comment.

### WAS WELCOMED

Sir Alexander Grantham's statement has been welcomed by voluntary organisations working among refugees in Hongkong.

Miss Janet Lacey, Director of the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches, is leaving for Hongkong soon after Christmas "to see what additional work Christian people in Britain and overseas can undertake to alleviate the terrible suffering of the refugees."

She will have talks with the Hongkong Government and refugee agencies.

Miss Lacey told me tonight "It is true that Hongkong Government has spent enormous amounts of money putting up giant blocks of one-room apartments to accommodate thousands of Chinese who have entered Hongkong since the war. It is also true that many thousands still live, sleep and die in the streets, on the rooftops and in squatter shacks on the hillsides."

### MAJOR PART

"Hongkong Government cannot solve this problem unaided nor can the voluntary agencies whose work has been so warmly commended by the Government," said Miss Lacey.

It was a terribly human problem requiring aid from official as well as private sources and because it was a problem which the British themselves must be expected to accept a major part of responsibility, she said.

"Since the war, the population of Hongkong has risen from 600,000 to 2,500,000, swelling to a large extent by refugees. Extensive relief work is being carried out among them by medical services, education, etc.—by religious organisations and these programmes are co-ordinated by the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the World Council of Churches. But because there is no demand among other governments for Chinese refugees we cannot carry out these large-scale emigration programmes that we provide for refugees of so many other nationalities."

"The only refugees we have moved in large numbers from Hongkong," said Miss Lacey, "are Europeans. The World Council of Churches has worked on this problem getting exit permits from Peking, visas from countries willing to receive them and sponsors to guarantee their accommodation and employment."

### RESETTLED

"Since 1952, we have resettled 7,000 European refugees from China who crossed the border into Hongkong and visa for a further 6,420 have been obtained," says Miss Lacey. "But the source of transport funds has now dried up—that is the inter-governmental committee for European migration of which Britain is not a member."

But the Service was equally concerned about the Chinese "and indeed their plight is even more desperate than that of the Europeans." She would accordingly have talks with the Government and Chinese refugee agencies about these problems.—London Express Service.

## CHRISTMAS ISLE TRANSFERRED

London, Dec. 10. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is to be detached from Singapore, which now administers it, on January 1, 1959, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, announced today.

Britain is transferring authority over the island—not to be confused with that in the Pacific from which Britain made her hydrogen bomb test—to Australia.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd said that as the transfer would take some time to effect because legislation is needed both in Australia and Britain, the island would be administered as a separate dependency of the United Kingdom as an interim measure.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Prepare for a busy day, Miss Blake—the stock market is acting funny again!"

## Five Years For Robbery With Aggravation

In the Supreme Court this morning Mr Justice A. D. Scholes sentenced a 37-year-old unemployed, Mak Yiu, to five years' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane, on three counts of robbery with aggravation.

## Service For Former Police Officer

The late Inspector John William Howlett, formerly of the Hongkong Police, who died in Birmingham in February this year, will be buried in Hongkong.

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A 43-year-old unemployed, Lam Shung-ming, alias Lin Ching-ming, who was described as a person with no fixed abode in the Colony, came before Mr A. L. Leathlean at Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of murder.

The defendant was accused of the killing of Mr Lam Shu-ming (also known as Mr James Ling, a well known garment manufacturer) at Kowloon Tong last night.

The defendant was remanded on Monday in Police custody for further inquiry.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor, China Mail.  
Sir,—I am deeply honoured that my tender for the establishment of the Commercial Broadcasting Station has been accepted by Government.

I fully realise the grave responsibilities which this station will have towards both Government and the Community. I can only give the assurance that I will give my best to carry them out and that the basic and primary policy of the Station will always be to provide entertainment for the radio listeners, but at the same time, to safeguard the interests of the Colony.

There are numerous factors involved, such as available sites, which preclude my giving any indication at this time as to when this Station will commence broadcasting. The first step is to form a company to be known as "The Hongkong Commercial Broadcasting Co., Ltd." vesting the control of this Station in a Board of Directors consisting of leading citizens.

GEORGE HO.

## CPA Flights

An application for a once weekly returned flight between Hongkong and Phnom Penh, made by the Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd on November 4, was granted by the Licensing Authority, as stated in today's Government Gazette.

The licence was granted for a period of five years.

Another licence for a similar period was also granted to the Cathay Pacific Airways to operate a once weekly returned flight between the Colony and Vietnam.

## Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, promotions and transfers in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

**Chinese Affairs**  
Mr E. P. Ho, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs as from December 1, Mr Ho ceased to be an Assessor as from the same time.

**P.W.D.**  
Mr Harry David Stead, engineer, on transfer from Nigeria; Mr Kenneth Bradley Rolfe, to be an estate surveyor as from November 18; Mr Donald Patrick Woo Shu-ying to be a quantity surveyor; Mr A. M. J. Wright, Assistant Director of Public Works, resumed duty on returning from leave; Mr G. P. Norton, Chief Architect, ceased to act as Assistant Director; Mr J. C. Charter, Assistant Chief Architect, ceased to act as Chief Architect; Mr H. Ross, Architect, ceased to act as Assistant Chief Architect.

**Marine**  
Mr C. Cairns, Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control) resumed duty on returning from leave on December 18; Mr D. L. F. Edwards, Senior Marine Officer, ceased to act as Assistant Director of Marine; Mr J. Montague-Ebbs, Marine Officer, ceased to act as Senior Marine Officer.

**Health Services**  
Dr A. R. Coombes, Senior Health Officer, to be Acting Assistant Director of Health Services during the absence of Dr Teng Pin-hui.

**Police**  
Mr Percy Lowe, Superintendent of Police, to be Acting Senior Superintendent of Police.

**Prisons**  
Mr G. R. Fleet, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons, ceased to act as Commissioner of Prisons on resumption of duty by Mr Norman, the Commissioner; Mr L. Blumenthal, Superintendent of Prisons, ceased to act as Assistant Commissioner of Prisons.

## Radiation Board

The following were appointed Members of the Radiation Board, according to today's Government Gazette: The Superintendent of Mines, The Senior Specialist (Radiology), Mr M. Morley-John, Sir John Kinloch and Mr Seaward Woo. Mr J. Owens was appointed to be the Secretary of the Board.

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